

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATIONS TO DICK SLAGLE

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2014

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Dick Slagle on receiving the Middletown Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award.

This award is given to an individual who has demonstrated his or her dedication to improving the Middletown community. For more than 50 years, Dick has been committed to Middletown, Monroe, and Trenton through his involvement with the Chamber of Commerce.

A World War II Veteran and dedicated public servant, Dick has played an integral role in the betterment of the Middletown area. His service began in 1959 with the Middletown Area Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president for 10 years. He then went on to work for Armco Steel in Middletown, Ohio, until he retired in 1985. During his retirement, Dick has served as interim president for the Chamber of Commerce for the following years: 1984, 2001 to 2003, and 2013.

He had a vision for the Middletown community and worked with key leaders to develop strategies that will have a strong and lasting impact for years to come. As one of the founders and a former chairman of the Butler County Port Authority, he supported many important economic development initiatives for the region. The Atrium Medical Center, which supports more than 2,600 jobs within the region, is considered one of his largest and most significant projects.

Dick is a highly respected individual in the community and continues to work on projects that will have a positive effect on the region. Without his hard work and dedication, I am certain that places such as the MADE Industrial Park, Miami University's Middletown Campus, Weatherwax Golf Course, and Shaker Run Golf Course would not exist today.

It is no secret that Dick Slagle is a selfless individual who focuses his time and energy on his community. Without his guidance, I may never have entered into public office. He encouraged me and many others to pursue this path.

I am very proud to call Dick Slagle my good friend, and I extend my most sincere congratulations to him. His drive is unparalleled and his devotion to serving others is inspiring. I am certain he has inspired others to follow in his footsteps.

CELEBRATING MS. SUSAN STOMPE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ms. Susan Stompe on the

occasion of her recognition as the Novato Citizen of the year. Residing in the City of Novato for four decades, Susan has been actively involved with an extensive list of community organizations and her stellar service has resulted in many impressive awards including the Sierra Club's Resource Conservation Award, Marin Conservation League's Volunteer Award, and the City of Novato's Outstanding Leadership Award.

Ms. Stompe's passion and commitment to Novato and to the wider Marin community has been characterized by her enduring spirit of volunteerism. She has devoted her time to educational, environmental and civic organizations, providing leadership and passion to a wide array of public projects.

Ms. Stompe has been an exemplary citizen of Novato, striving to improve the city for all of its residents. Her inspiring commitment and dedication will have a lasting impact on her community for many years to come.

Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Ms. Susan Stompe for her long and impressive record of service.

RECOGNIZING MRS. BARBARA BOOZER

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inspiring life and contributions of Mrs. Barbara Boozer to her hometown of Granbury, Texas. She is being honored by her friends, family, and the people of Granbury for her 40 years of tireless and selfless service to the community.

Mrs. Boozer and her family have been pillars of the community for many years. She comes from the Carmichael and Cash families of Granbury who were some of the first to settle in the area in mid-1800s. It was an era when folks leaned on each other to make it through hard times. The origins of her giving and charitable character are easy to find when you glance back to her pioneer roots.

While we are many years removed from the hard life and ways of those pioneers, we all, including my colleagues in this House, has experienced hard times. At one point or another, we have all sought and relied on the kindness of family and friends, and Mrs. Boozer has continually been that person in Granbury. The fruits of her life-long commitment can be seen by the smiles on the faces of all the people gathered around her to celebrate.

We are blessed to live in a country with individuals like Mrs. Boozer. Her actions embody our nation's greatest ideals. She proceeds without hesitation to help those around her while asking nothing in return. With her lifetime of service and sacrifice she has proven to be an invaluable treasure to those around her.

As she gathers with family and friends who honor her dedication to Granbury, may they

be blessed by her wisdom and learn from her experiences. I congratulate Mrs. Boozer on living a life so worthy of our praise and admiration. I am honored to call her a constituent and share her story with you all today.

TRIBUTE TO THE BAKERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL DRILLER FOOT- BALL TEAM

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2014

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bakersfield High School Drillers football team, who took home their seventh state football title after a triumphant win at the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Division I State Football Championship Bowl Game this past December.

Drillers football has long been synonymous with winning in California state high school football history, with 36 section championships since its first unofficial game 120 years ago. In a magical 12-year span, the Drillers won six state championships, with the sixth title win coming in 1927. That same year, the state playoff system was disbanded, resurrected 79 years later in 2006 with the establishment of the state bowl championship. With the 56-26 win against Del Oro High on December 20, 2013, a new and modern era of Driller state champions was born.

Winning this championship was a team effort on both the offensive and defensive side of the football. This historic victory, however, was also the product of months of hard work and skill, refined by grueling summer practices and an unequivocal determination from every player, coach, and support staff to not only reach the state championship bowl, but to take home the trophy. This team overcame early obstacles, but with their eyes on the prize, charged through the season to cap off an amazing 13-2 record and secured wins by an average margin of victory of several touchdowns.

I commend Drillers Head Coach Paul Golla and his coaching staff for their leadership and ability to mold their students into champions and uphold the Drillers' century-old legacy as California's winningest high school football team. Serving the Drillers for nine years, Coach Golla brought all the players together so each one not only knew his individual responsibilities to cohesively form elaborate offensive and defensive units that scored at will and stifled their opponent's offense. The same can be said for the team's senior class leaders who, through their unique ability to lead their teammates, made game-winning adjustments and executed each play to the highest level.

As a Driller myself, I join our community in congratulating the coaches and players for their achievement. The 2013 Division I State Championship Driller coaching staff includes: Head Coach Paul Golla, Darren Carr, Terry

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